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SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT US CURRENCY IN NICARAGUA

1. AN OFFICER OF THE CENTRAL BANK ADVISED THE NCOIC, MARINE SECURITY GUARDS, THAT AN ESTIMATED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN COUNTERFEIT US CURRENCY IS BELIEVED ENTERED NICARAGUA IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. MONEY SUPPOSEDLY WAS BROUGHT TO CORINTO, NICARAGUA BY CREW MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN-OWNED, PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL "MOSES" WHICH DEPARTED CORINTO IN EARLY JUNE REPORTEDLY BOUND FOR COLOMBIA. TWO OR THREE UNIDENTIFIED NICARAGUAN CITIZENS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

2. BILLS ARE SAID TO BE OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS UP TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. BILLS ARE SAID TO BE 157-1/2 MILLIMETERS LONG. THEY ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN DONE ON PAPER OF SOUTH AMERICAN ORIGIN AND PRINTED ON AN OFFSET PRESS. TREASURY SEAL IS DESCRIBED AS A BAD COPY. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE SAMPLES OF BILLS FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON.

3. CENTRAL BANK HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS AS INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS.
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